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In re Application of: Vincent A. Meli et al. Art Unit: 3201 Serial No.: 08/482,862 Examiner: Filed: June 7, 1995 METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FORMING AND HERMETICALLY SEALING SLICES OF FOOD ITEMS

SECOND PRELIMINARY RULE 115 AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please accept the filing of this Second Preliminary Amendment.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add new Claims 22-34, as follows:

SNO DE process for automatically and continuously packaging a cheese formulation into hermetically sealed individual slices, WAS TO SEED OF STREET SINGLEDO 300 SD 11/25/96 08482862 comprising the steps of: 1 102 156.00 CK 1 103

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